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“International Ramifications of Israel Palestine Conflict affecting Civil Rights”

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INTRODUCTION

With its violent ups and downs, diplomatic deadlocks, and humanitarian catastrophes, the Israel-Palestine conflict is among the world's oldest and most persistent disputes. Originating in the Middle East during the development of rival national movements and colonial ambitions in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the war has its roots in a complex web of historical, religious, and geopolitical elements.

Over the course of millennia, Palestine has been an important meeting place for people from all over the world. The history of Palestine is a complex web of indigenous peoples and foreign influences, spanning from the Canaanites, Philistines, and Israelites to the Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, and Romans.

The Arab-Muslim invasion of the area and the foundation of Islamic sovereignty in the 7th century AD was a watershed moment in Palestine's history, marking one of the most important turning points in the religion's evolution. Palestine thrived as a hub of study, commerce, and religious pilgrimage throughout the Umayyad, Abbasid, and Fatimid caliphates of Islam. This was especially true for Muslims, Christians, and Jews.

But a new age of turmoil and change for Palestine began with the 19th century entry of European colonial powers in the Middle East. After decades of Ottoman dominion crumbled, European nations fought for control of the region, seeing Palestine as both a religious and geopolitical crossroads to the East.

The region's dynamics were further complicated by the birth of Zionism, a political movement that advocated for the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. Jewish immigration to Palestine in the late 19th and early 20th centuries gave rise to Zionism, which had its origins in religious revivalism, nationalism, and reactions to anti-Semitic persecution in Europe.

A "national home for the Jewish people" to be established in Palestine was officially supported by the British government in 1917 with the Balfour Declaration, which laid the foundation for what would later be called the State of Israel. Conflicts over territory, nationality, and sovereignty were hinted at in the proclamation, which also pledged to protect the rights of Palestine's Arab inhabitants.

The Ottoman Empire was shattered and its territory divided as the Allies emerged victorious from World War I. The British took control of Palestine as part of the League of Nations Mandate system, which acknowledged the Jewish people's long history there and demanded that the Arab population's civil and religious rights be protected.

Conflicts between Palestine's Jewish and Arab populations escalated throughout the interwar period due to opposing demands for governmental power, territory, and resources. The Palestinian Arab population's long-simmering frustrations were brought to light during the 1936–1939 Arab Revolt, a series of protests and rebellions against British administration. The Arabs were afraid that the influx of Jewish people would cause them to be sidelined and even dispossessed.

There was already widespread backing for the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine before the Holocaust and other WWII crimes against Jews galvanized the world community. Following in the League of Nations' footsteps, the United Nations put up a partition plan in 1947, suggesting the split of Palestine into Arab and Jewish states with Jerusalem being under international jurisdiction.

In 1948, hostilities broke out as Arab authorities rejected the partition plan, which had been approved by Jewish leaders. This was the first Arab-Israeli war. A succession of confrontations and wars that have defined the trajectory of the Israel-Palestine conflict to this day began with the Arab invasion of the newly established state of Israel following its independence declaration on May 14, 1948.

Many hundreds of thousands of Palestinian Arabs were forced to flee their homes and seek safety in neighboring Arab countries or even within the newly formed state of Israel as a consequence of the 1948 war, which is referred to as the Nakba, meaning "catastrophe" in Arabic. In addition to laying the groundwork for future territorial disputes and conflicts, the war resulted in Jordan annexing East Jerusalem, Egypt occupying the Gaza Strip, and Jordan occupying the West Bank.

The boundaries and dynamics of the Israel-Palestine conflict were further modified by subsequent wars and conflicts, such as the Yom Kippur War of 1973, the Six-Day War of 1967, and the Suez Crisis of 1956. As a result, Israel occupied the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem. A key source of tension and an obstacle to peace talks has been the growth of Israeli settlements in these occupied areas, which is considered unlawful under international law.

Amid ongoing Israeli settlement growth, reciprocal recriminations, and violent outbursts, the Oslo Accords of the 1990s, which sought to achieve a comprehensive peace solution between the Israelis and the Palestinians, failed. Intifada, the second Palestinian insurrection, broke out in 2000 and brought to light the Palestinian people's long-simmering grievances and the breakdown of the peace process. It sparked large-scale demonstrations, bloodshed, and Israeli military repression.

Violence breaks out from time to time, bringing death and devastation in the region, while peace talks between Israel and Palestine have stalled. The endless cycle of violence and misery is maintained by the fact that there are still unresolved problems about the status of Jerusalem, the destiny of Palestinian refugees, the legitimacy of Israeli settlements, and the outline of a future Palestinian state.

Rooted in a complicated history of rival national ambitions, colonial legacies, and religious conflicts, the Israel-Palestine conflict has far-reaching consequences for the region's and the world's population. In order to understand the conflict's historical background, which has affected millions of people and their ability to make a living, and to find a way forward towards a fair and permanent resolution, it is necessary to know how the conflict came to be.

Beyond the Middle East and touching the lives of millions of people, the controversial and long-running Israel-Palestine conflict has far-reaching implications. The basic rights and freedoms of the people caught up in this conflict's intricate web of historical grudges and geopolitical tensions are at the core of the matter, as are questions of political independence and territorial sovereignty. This in-depth study is an attempt to trace the many ways the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has affected civil rights in the area and abroad. Delving into the historical foundations of the Israel-Palestine conflict is essential for comprehending its contemporary impact on civil rights. Zionism, which sought to establish a Jewish state in Palestine, and Palestinian nationalism, which defended the rights of the native Arab population, emerged in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, marking the beginning of the conflict. These hopes and dreams came to a head in 1947 when the United Nations partitioned British Mandatory Palestine. This paved the way for the creation of the State of Israel and set in motion the events that would later lead to the first Arab-Israeli war. Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians were forced from their homes in the wake of the 1948 war, creating a refugee population that remains a flashpoint in the ongoing conflict. Israeli forces occupied the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem as a consequence of the Yom Kippur War of 1973 and the Six-Day War that followed in 1967, which further solidified the vicious cycle of bloodshed and territorial disputes.

2. Israel Palestine Conflict History

It is important to know the history of the area and the individuals involved in order to comprehend the current violent confrontation between Israel and Palestine. A quick overview of the area's ancient history will help one comprehend the religious and historical importance of the spot, particularly to the main players in the conflict, even though the current dispute has its origins in the twentieth century.

- Israel is now a tiny West Asian nation, roughly the size of Manipur or Meghalaya, two states in India's northeast.
- To the west, Israel has the Mediterranean Sea; to the south, Egypt; to the east, Jordan and Syria; and to the north, Lebanon.
- Because of its complicated past, Israel is home to numerous holy sites that are important to Jews, Christians, and Muslims.
- Christians and Muslims make up small minority populations in Israel, although Jews make up the vast majority of the population.

Ancient History

- The Hebrew Bible is the principal source for most of what is understood of the ancient history of Israel.
- Abraham is considered a patriarch of Islam (through his son Ishmael) and the father of Judaism (through his son Isaac), and the line of Israelites may be traced back to him in the Bible.
- Many believe that the Abrahamic lineage spent hundreds of years as slaves in Egypt before resettling in Canaan, which is now roughly Israel.
- King David was the ruler of the area during 1000 BCE. Solomon, his son, constructed the First Temple (also known as Solomon's Temple) in what is now ancient Jerusalem in about 957 BCE.
- Approximately 931 BCE, the area was partitioned between the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah.
- It was about 722 BCE when the Assyrians came and destroyed the Israelitish kingdom.
- When the Babylonians captured Jerusalem in the sixth century BCE, they also acquired control of Judah. After the destruction of the First Temple, the Jews were forcibly removed to Babylon.
- After Cyrus, emperor of the Achaemenid Empire, defeated the Babylonians in 538 BCE, the Jews were granted permission to return to Judah and complete the reconstruction of Solomon's Temple (Second Temple).

- The first Jewish-Roman War came to a close in 70 CE when the Second Temple was destroyed by the Romans. It is believed that the Roman Colosseum was partially constructed with the help of the wealth and resources taken from the Second Temple.
- Jerusalem had been the site of anti-Roman uprisings on occasion, but after the Bar Khokba Revolt (132-136 AD), Roman Emperor Hadrian banished all Jews from the city.
- Hadrian renamed the province from Judea to Syria Palaestina, thus purging it with all Jewish influence.
- Hadrian sought to eradicate a people who had caused significant harm to the Roman Empire by disassociating Jews from Judea and prohibiting their religious practices.
- The land of Israel was a target of conquest and rule for several empires throughout the following few centuries. These included the Fatimids, the Seljuk Turks, the Crusaders, the Egyptians, the Mamluks, and, ultimately, the Ottomans.

Modern History

- From 1517 to 1917, the Ottoman Empire ruled over much of West Asia including the region of Israel.
- In the 19th century, the population in the region of Israel/Palestine was almost 87% Muslim, 10% Christian and 3% Jewish. From all accounts, the communities lived in peace with each other. In the city of Jerusalem, the population of the three communities was roughly equal.
- In the 19th century, an Austro-Hungarian Jewish journalist, Theodor Herzl, propagated the idea of a Jewish homeland in Palestine for the Jews. This idea came to be known as Zionism, which found many followers among the Jews in Europe, where Jews were facing discrimination and even pogroms.
- In 1917, the British government announced the **Balfour Declaration**, hoping to gain Jewish support for World War I, which promised: “the establishment in Palestine a national home for the Jewish People”.
- This was problematic because in 1916, the British had secretly made a deal with the French according to which after the war, the Arab territories would be divided and Palestine would be in control of the British.
- Moreover, the British had also promised the ruler of Mecca, Sharief Hussain, in 1915 that Hussain would rule over the region including Palestine if he led an Arab revolt against the Ottomans, which he did in fact.

The Arabs in Palestine vehemently opposed the declaration fearing that a Jewish homeland in the region would mean subjugation for the Palestinians.

Current Situation

- Hamas rules over Gaza.
- Gaza’s borders are tightly controlled by Israel and Egypt.
- The West Bank is still occupied by Israel.
- Most Palestinian refugees and their descendants live in Gaza, the West Bank, East Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.
- Tensions run high between Israel and Palestinians living in Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem.
- According to Israel, allowing Palestinians to return to their homes would overwhelmingly threaten its existence as a Jewish state. (Israel is the only Jewish state in the world).
- The whole of Jerusalem is claimed by Israel as its capital. Palestinians claim East Jerusalem as the capital of a future Palestinian state.
- Though Israel does not recognise Palestine as a state, over 135 UN member countries do.
- In 1988, India became one of the first countries to recognize the Palestinian State.

Israel Palestine Conflict Latest Developments

The renewed violence in the region started on May 6, 2021, when Palestinians protested against an anticipated decision of the Israeli Supreme Court over the eviction of six Palestinian families from Sheikh Jarrah in occupied East Jerusalem. The next day, Israeli Police stormed the Al Aqsa mosque. A few days later, Hamas and other Palestinian groups started firing rockets from Gaza into Israel to which Israel retaliated.

Legal Frameworks

In the complex and protracted Israel-Palestine conflict, where violence and human rights violations have become tragically commonplace, the application of international law serves as a crucial framework for addressing and mitigating civil rights abuses. This section will provide an in-depth exploration of the legal instruments and principles within international law that govern the protection of civilians in conflict zones, with a particular focus on their application to the Israel-Palestine context. By examining the Fourth Geneva Convention, United Nations resolutions, and

human rights conventions, this analysis aims to shed light on the legal mechanisms available for upholding civil rights amidst the turmoil of the Israel-Palestine conflict.

The Fourth Geneva Convention:

The Fourth Geneva Convention, adopted in 1949, stands as a cornerstone of international humanitarian law, providing comprehensive protections for civilians caught in the midst of armed conflict, including those residing in occupied territories. Specifically, Articles 27 to 34 of the Convention outline fundamental safeguards aimed at preserving the dignity, well-being, and rights of individuals living under occupation.

Article 27 of the Fourth Geneva Convention enshrines the principle of humane treatment for protected persons, prohibiting any form of physical or moral coercion, intimidation, or discrimination. This provision underscores the obligation of occupying powers, such as Israel in the case of the Palestinian territories, to ensure the safety and welfare of civilians under their control, irrespective of their nationality, religion, or political affiliation.

Moreover, Article 33 of the Convention unequivocally prohibits collective punishment, a practice that has regrettably been employed in the context of the Israel-Palestine conflict. Collective punishment, defined as the imposition of penalties or reprisals on individuals or communities for acts they did not personally commit, runs counter to the principles of justice and proportionality enshrined in international law. Instances of collective punishment in the occupied Palestinian territories, such as house demolitions, punitive demolitions, and restrictions on movement, have drawn condemnation from human rights organizations and the international community.

Furthermore, Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention explicitly prohibits the transfer of civilian populations into occupied territories, recognizing the inherent vulnerability of occupied populations and the need to safeguard their rights and property. This provision, commonly referred to as the prohibition against the establishment of settlements, constitutes a clear legal obligation on the part of the occupying power to refrain from any actions that alter the demographic composition or status of occupied territories. Despite this prohibition, Israel has continued to expand its settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, leading to widespread displacement, dispossession, and violations of Palestinian civil rights.

In addition to these specific provisions, the Fourth Geneva Convention also imposes broader obligations on occupying powers to ensure the provision of essential services, including medical care, food, and education, to the civilian population under their control. Article 55 of the Convention stipulates that the occupying power has a duty to ensure the well-being of the occupied population, particularly in situations where the local authorities are unable to meet the basic needs of civilians. This obligation extends to the provision of humanitarian assistance and the facilitation of humanitarian relief operations, as affirmed by the International Court of Justice in its advisory opinion on the Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

United Nations Resolutions:

In addition to the Fourth Geneva Convention, a series of United Nations resolutions have sought to address the Israel-Palestine conflict and uphold the rights of the Palestinian people. One of the most significant of these resolutions is United Nations Security Council Resolution 242, adopted in the aftermath of the Six-Day War in 1967. Resolution 242 emphasizes the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force and calls for the withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from occupied territories, in exchange for the recognition of Israel's right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries.

Furthermore, United Nations General Assembly Resolution 194, adopted in 1948, affirms the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties from which they were displaced during the 1948 Arab-Israeli War. This resolution recognizes the principle of the right of return as a fundamental component of achieving a just and lasting solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, emphasizing the importance of addressing the plight of Palestinian refugees and ensuring their rights are upheld.

Moreover, United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334, adopted in 2016, reaffirms the illegality of Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories and calls upon Israel to cease all settlement activities immediately. This resolution, supported by the vast majority of the international community, reflects the consensus within the United Nations regarding the illegality of settlements under international law and the need to halt their expansion as a prerequisite for achieving a two-state solution.

Human Rights Conventions:

In addition to international humanitarian law and United Nations resolutions, a number of human rights conventions provide further legal protections for civilians affected by the Israel-Palestine conflict. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948, enshrines a broad range of civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights that are applicable to all individuals, including those living in conflict zones.

Specifically, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), both adopted in 1966, outline a comprehensive framework for the protection and promotion of civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights in times of peace and conflict. These conventions recognize the inherent dignity and worth of every human being and emphasize the obligation of states to respect, protect, and fulfill the rights of all individuals under their jurisdiction, without discrimination.

Furthermore, the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), adopted in 1989, provides specific protections for children affected by armed conflict, including the right to life, survival, and development, as well as the right to education, healthcare, and protection from violence, abuse, and exploitation. The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), adopted in 1979, similarly prohibits discrimination against women and girls and mandates measures to ensure gender equality and the empowerment of women in all spheres of life.

In conclusion, international law provides a robust framework for addressing civil rights violations in conflict zones, including those arising from the Israel-Palestine conflict. The Fourth Geneva Convention, United Nations resolutions, and human rights conventions establish clear standards and obligations aimed at safeguarding the rights and dignity of civilians, particularly those living in occupied territories. However, the effective implementation and enforcement of these legal instruments depend on the political will of states, the engagement of the international community, and the commitment of all parties to uphold the principles of justice, equality, and respect for human rights. Only through sustained efforts to uphold international law and promote dialogue, reconciliation, and peace can a just and lasting resolution to the Israel-Palestine conflict be achieved.

Human Rights Violations

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is one of the most protracted and contentious conflicts in modern history, marked by persistent violence, territorial disputes, and competing claims to land and sovereignty. Amidst the political complexities and geopolitical dynamics, the conflict has also been characterized by widespread and well-documented human rights violations perpetrated by both Israeli authorities and Palestinian actors. These violations, ranging from arbitrary detention and torture to extrajudicial killings and systemic discrimination, have had profound and far-reaching consequences for individuals and communities on both sides of the conflict.

The Importance of Addressing Human Rights Violations:

Addressing human rights violations in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is not only a matter of upholding universal principles of human dignity, equality, and justice but also essential for achieving lasting peace and reconciliation in the region. Human rights violations perpetuate cycles of violence, deepen mistrust and animosity between Israelis and Palestinians, and undermine prospects for a just and sustainable resolution to the conflict.

First and foremost, addressing human rights violations is essential for ensuring accountability and redress for victims and survivors. Victims of human rights abuses, including arbitrary detention, torture, and extrajudicial killings, deserve justice and recognition for the harm inflicted upon them. Accountability for perpetrators of human rights violations is a necessary step towards ending impunity and preventing future abuses, fostering a culture of respect for human rights and the rule of law.

Furthermore, addressing human rights violations is crucial for building trust and confidence between Israelis and Palestinians and laying the groundwork for meaningful dialogue and negotiation. Human rights abuses perpetuate feelings of injustice, resentment, and anger among affected communities, hindering efforts to build mutual understanding, empathy, and cooperation. By acknowledging and addressing the grievances and injustices experienced by both sides, parties to the conflict can begin to bridge the divide and work towards a shared vision of peace and reconciliation.

Moreover, addressing human rights violations is essential for creating the conditions necessary for sustainable peace and security in the region. Human rights abuses fuel cycles of violence and conflict, undermining the stability and well-being of affected communities and exacerbating tensions between Israelis and Palestinians. By addressing the root causes of human rights violations, including discrimination, inequality, and impunity, parties to the conflict can help create an environment conducive to peaceful coexistence and cooperation.

Additionally, addressing human rights violations is crucial for advancing the broader goals of democracy, development, and prosperity in the region. Respect for human rights is not only a moral imperative but also a prerequisite for building inclusive, resilient, and thriving societies. By promoting human rights and the rule of law, parties to the conflict can foster an environment conducive to political participation, economic development, and social progress for all members of society. Addressing human rights violations in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is essential for achieving justice, reconciliation, and lasting peace in the region. By acknowledging the human rights dimension of the conflict and taking concrete steps to address violations, parties to the conflict can begin to build trust, foster dialogue, and create the conditions necessary for a just and sustainable resolution to the conflict. The international community has a crucial role to play in supporting efforts to address human rights violations and promote respect for human dignity, equality, and justice for all individuals affected by the conflict.

Impacts on Individuals and Communities:

The impacts of arbitrary detention and administrative detention extend beyond the individuals directly subjected to detention and have profound effects on families, communities, and society as a whole. The psychological trauma experienced by detainees as a result of prolonged detention without trial can have long-lasting effects on their mental health and well-being.

Detainees often experience symptoms of anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and other psychological disorders as a result of their detention experiences. These psychological effects can manifest in various ways, including nightmares, flashbacks, insomnia, and social withdrawal, and can significantly impair individuals' ability to function in daily life.

Furthermore, the family members of detainees also suffer from the psychological and emotional toll of detention, as they grapple with feelings of fear, uncertainty, and helplessness about the fate of their loved ones. Children of detainees are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of detention, experiencing disruptions to their education, social relationships, and emotional development as a result of their parent's detention.

The disruption caused by arbitrary detention and administrative detention extends beyond the immediate family unit and affects entire communities, contributing to a pervasive atmosphere of fear, mistrust, and insecurity. The arbitrary arrest and detention of community members undermine social cohesion and solidarity, eroding trust in institutions and authorities responsible for upholding the rule of law and protecting human rights.

In addition to the psychological and emotional impacts, arbitrary detention and administrative detention also have practical consequences for individuals and communities, including economic hardship, social stigma, and loss of livelihood. Detainees often face challenges reintegrating into society upon their release, as they struggle to overcome the stigma associated with their detention and rebuild their lives in the face of ongoing surveillance and harassment by Israeli authorities.

Furthermore, the prolonged absence of breadwinners and caregivers due to detention can have devastating economic consequences for families, leading to loss of income, increased financial strain, and heightened vulnerability to poverty and deprivation. The economic hardship resulting from detention further exacerbates existing social inequalities and marginalization within Palestinian society, deepening divisions and tensions between different segments of the population.

In conclusion, arbitrary detention and administrative detention are pervasive practices employed by Israeli authorities in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, with profound and far-reaching impacts on individuals and communities in the occupied Palestinian territories. The use of arbitrary detention violates international law and undermines the rights and dignity of individuals subjected to detention, while the practice of administrative detention allows for prolonged detention without trial, further exacerbating the psychological trauma and family disruption experienced by detainees and their families. Addressing the root causes of arbitrary detention and administrative detention is essential for promoting respect for human rights, upholding the rule of law, and achieving a just and lasting resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Diplomatic Efforts and Peace Negotiation

The complicated and protracted Israel-Palestine issue has been the focus of diplomatic endeavors and peace talks. Notable among these endeavors are the subsequent peace discussions and the landmark Oslo Accords. This study delves into these diplomatic initiatives and assesses how they have affected human and civil rights in the area.

An important effort to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict was the signing of the Oslo Accords in the 1990s. By dividing the West Bank and Gaza Strip into separate Palestinian and Israeli territories, as well as establishing the Palestinian Authority, the accords laid the groundwork for future discussions to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Despite the Oslo Accords' best efforts, they were unable to reach a permanent peace deal, and the war continued.

The subsequent peace negotiations, which included the Annapolis Conference in 2007, the Camp David Summit in 2000, and multiple rounds of talks facilitated by the US, EU, and other international actors, aimed to expand upon the groundwork established by the Oslo Accords and tackle the fundamental issues pertaining to borders, security, refugees, and Jerusalem. Nevertheless, there have been several setbacks throughout these talks, such as polarization on important subjects, political unrest, and violent incidents.

The region's civil rights and human rights circumstances have been influenced in different ways by diplomatic initiatives and peace discussions. Recognizing Palestinian self-government, establishing institutions to promote economic development and governance, and normalizing relations between Israel and some Arab states are all positive outcomes of diplomatic efforts. Some areas of civil and human rights have been improved as a result of these advances, including the Palestinians' ability to move freely and their access to economic possibilities.

The region's civil and human rights violations have worsened, and progress towards a comprehensive peace accord has been slowed, by the fact that diplomatic efforts have also encountered considerable obstacles and limits. Conflicts and bloodshed have persisted because fundamental concerns like borders, Jerusalem's status, and settlements have not been resolved. Furthermore, faith in the peace process has been eroded and

cycles of violence and impunity have been perpetuated due to the failure of both Palestinian and Israeli authorities to answer for human rights abuses and breaches of international law.

Ongoing human rights violations, such as limitations on movement, arbitrary arrest, settlement violence, and the closure of the Gaza Strip, have also resulted from the lack of a fair and lasting resolution to the conflict. The human rights atrocities committed by Israel have worsened the Palestinian people's already dire economic situation, making unemployment and instability even more pervasive and adding fuel to the fire of Palestinian suffering.

Finally, the influence on human and civil rights in the area has been uneven, despite the fact that peace talks and diplomatic endeavors have been vital in trying to end the Israel-Palestine issue. Although there has been some improvement, there are still many problems that need fixing, such as political differences, violence, and the fact that those responsible for human rights abuses are not held accountable. To achieve long-term peace and security in the area, there must be a recommitment to a fair and inclusive peace process that respects the rights and dignity of all parties involved and is grounded in human rights values and international law.

Challenges and Limitations

Political Obstacles: One of the primary challenges facing the international community in addressing civil rights violations in the Israel-Palestine conflict is the deeply entrenched political nature of the conflict. The conflict is not only a territorial dispute but also encompasses complex historical, religious, and geopolitical dimensions. Political divisions and rivalries among key actors, including Israel, Palestine, neighboring Arab states, and international powers, often impede efforts to address civil rights violations effectively.

Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Dynamics: The longstanding Israeli-Palestinian conflict is characterized by deep-seated distrust, mutual animosity, and competing nationalist aspirations. The failure to reach a comprehensive peace agreement has perpetuated cycles of violence, instability, and human rights abuses. Political negotiations often stall due to disagreements over core issues such as borders, settlements, refugees, and the status of Jerusalem, preventing meaningful progress towards a resolution of the conflict.

Regional and International Dynamics: The broader regional and international context further complicates efforts to address civil rights violations in the Israel-Palestine conflict. Regional rivalries, such as those between Israel and Iran, as well as between Saudi Arabia and Iran, exacerbate tensions and fuel proxy conflicts. Moreover, international power dynamics, including the influence of major powers like the United States, Russia, and China, shape diplomatic initiatives and peace negotiations, often reflecting geopolitical interests rather than human rights considerations.

Power Imbalances: Power imbalances between Israel and the Palestinians, as well as among various regional and international actors, contribute to challenges in addressing civil rights violations. Israel, as the occupying power in the Palestinian territories, wields significant military, economic, and political power, enabling it to control key aspects of Palestinian life, including land, resources, and movement. This power asymmetry perpetuates structural inequalities and limits the ability of the Palestinian Authority and civil society to advocate effectively for their rights.

Israeli Military Occupation: The Israeli occupation of the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Gaza Strip imposes severe restrictions on Palestinian rights and freedoms, including freedom of movement, access to land and resources, and the right to self-determination. The Israeli government's control over borders, checkpoints, and military installations enables it to enforce its policies and maintain its occupation with minimal international accountability.

Economic Dependency: Palestinians' economic dependence on Israel further reinforces power imbalances and limits their ability to assert their rights. The Palestinian economy is heavily reliant on Israel for employment, trade, and access to markets, making Palestinians vulnerable to economic coercion and exploitation. Israeli restrictions on movement and access also hinder economic development and exacerbate poverty and unemployment among Palestinians.

Competing Interests: Competing interests among states and stakeholders involved in the Israel-Palestine conflict often undermine efforts to address civil rights violations and promote accountability. These interests may be geopolitical, economic, or ideological, and they can complicate diplomatic negotiations, peace initiatives, and international intervention in the region.

Security Concerns: Israel's primary concern is often framed in terms of security threats, including terrorism, rocket attacks, and border incursions from Palestinian militant groups. The Israeli government prioritizes measures to protect its citizens and maintain its qualitative military edge in the region, sometimes at the expense of Palestinian rights and freedoms. Security considerations often overshadow human rights concerns in Israeli policy-making and international diplomacy.

Regional Stability: Other regional actors, including Arab states and neighboring countries, have their own geopolitical interests and strategic calculations regarding the Israel-Palestine conflict. Some Arab states have normalized relations with Israel in recent years, motivated by shared security concerns, economic interests, and opposition to Iran's regional influence. These shifting alliances and dynamics further complicate efforts to address civil rights violations and promote a just and lasting resolution of the conflict.

WAY FORWARD & CONCLUSION

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has far-reaching consequences for regional human and civil rights and is among the most complicated and long-lasting conflicts of the contemporary era. Civil rights abuses, such as those pertaining to land access, freedom of movement, political involvement, and fundamental human rights, have been severely hindered and complicated by the length of the conflict. Nevertheless, there is still a glimmer of hope for a peaceful resolution that respects the rights and dignity of everyone concerned, in spite of these obstacles. Here we will look at how to get to a fair and durable peace, with an emphasis on respecting international law, encouraging responsibility, and cultivating inclusive development and world harmony.

Resolving the Israel-Palestine conflict and addressing the persistent civil rights violations in the region requires a steadfast commitment to upholding international law. The international community may lay the groundwork for conversation, negotiation, and, in the end, reconciliation by following preexisting legal frameworks and making sure everyone is responsible for what they do. Highlighting important legal tools, obstacles, and the role of the international community in ensuring compliance, this expansion will delve deeper into the necessity of respecting international law in the context of the Israel-Palestine conflict.

When it comes to protecting civilians in areas of conflict, international humanitarian law relies heavily on the Fourth Geneva Convention, which was approved in 1949. In it, the ideals of nondiscrimination, respect for basic human rights, and compassionate treatment of civilian populations under the rule of occupying authorities are emphasized. The Fourth Geneva Convention is highly pertinent to the Israel-Palestine conflict because it spells out the proper behavior of occupying powers and forbids certain actions, like the destruction of property, collective punishment, and the transfer of civilian populations into occupied territories.

In addition, the international legal framework that governs the Israel-Palestine conflict is shaped by United Nations resolutions. Multiple United Nations Security Council resolutions, including 242 and 338, have demanded that Israeli forces leave occupied territories, acknowledged the right of all regional states to live in peace and security, and laid the groundwork for a fair and permanent peace in accordance with the UN Charter. By passing these resolutions, the world community has shown its determination to end the conflict peacefully and in accordance with the rule of law. Rights of refugees and internally displaced people, as well as economic, social, and cultural rights, are also protected by a number of human rights treaties and conventions, which supplement the aforementioned legal instruments. For instance, the right to sufficiency in food, clothing, and housing, as well as the rights to life, liberty, and security of person, are outlined in the International Covenants on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). In order to promote and preserve the rights of those impacted by the Israel-Palestine conflict, these conventions are crucial tools.